

Remarks

Claims 1-34 are pending, and claims 1-34 stand rejected. Claims 1 and 18 have been amended. Claim 35 has been added. The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection and request allowance of claims 1-35. An RCE is included in the response to this office action.

Claim 1 and claim 18 have been amended to include the limitation that the assignment of the temporary number is triggered by powering on the wireless device. This is supported in the specification on page 9 lines 20 – 23 and on page 10 lines 16 – 18. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 9-23, and 26-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated over U.S. Patent number 5,870,459 (Phillips et al.). Amended claim 1 is reproduced below:

1. A communication system for providing temporary wireless telephone numbers, the system comprising:

a first switching system automatically configured to receive a registration request from an end user wireless call device without an assigned telephone number when the wireless call device is powered on, and process the registration request to generate a registration message; and

a service control point configured to receive the registration message, process the registration message to automatically assign a temporary wireless telephone number to the end user wireless call device, and generate and provide a registration response message to the first switching system that includes the temporary wireless telephone number.

Claim 1 requires “a service control point that receives a registration message for an end user wireless call device without an assigned telephone number... and automatically assign a temporary wireless telephone number to the end user wireless call device”. The wireless devices in Phillips are assigned a number using a mobile switching center, not an SCP (Column 15 line 23 - 30). Because Phillips does not have “a service control point that... automatically assign a temporary wireless telephone number to the end user wireless call device” claim 1 is allowable

as written.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation that the first switching system automatically receives a registration message "when the wireless call device is powered on". The wireless device in Phillips is first powered on, and then a certain button or sequence of buttons is pressed to initiate the activation process that assigns the temporary number (column 21 lines 3 – 9). Because Phillips does not assign a temporary number in response to the powering on of a wireless device, claim 1 is allowable as written.

Claims 2 – 17 are dependent on allowable claim 1 and are therefore allowable.

Claim 18 has been amended to include the limitation that the first switching system automatically receives a registration message "when the wireless call device is powered on". Therefore the arguments for claim 1 (above) apply to claim 18 and claim 18 is allowable.

Claims 19 – 34 are dependent on allowable claim 18 and are therefore allowable.

Claim 35 has been added. Claim 35 includes the limitation that a first switching system receives a registration request from a wireless call device "when the wireless device dials an access number". This limitation is supported in the specification on page 11 lines 22 – 27. No new matter has been added. The wireless device in Phillips uses a certain button or sequence of buttons to initiate the activation process that assigns the temporary number (column 21 lines 3 – 9). Phillips does not teach dialing an access telephone number to activate the process for assignment of the temporary number. Once the button or sequence of buttons has been pressed Phillips sends a signal to a base station that includes the serial number of the wireless device, but does not include a dialed access number (column 21 lines 8 – 18).

Claim 35 also has the limitation that the SCP assigns the temporary number to the wireless device. Because Phillips does not have a number of the limitations listed in claim 35, claim 35 is allowable as written.

Conclusion

Based on the above remarks, the Applicants submit that claims 1-35 are allowable. There may be additional reasons in support of patentability, but such reasons are omitted in the interests of brevity. The Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 1-35.

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